

STODDARD NEWSLETTER

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STODDARD COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Available Cost Share Practices

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- Diversions
- Woodland Protection
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- Ponds
- Drop Pipes
- Underground Pipe
- Irrigation Systems
- Well Decommissioning
- Field Borders
- Sod Waterway
- No-till Systems

ENERGIZE MISSOURI AGRICULTURE

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is offering the energy efficiency cost-share grants to agricultural operations statewide for agricultural energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy equipment. The funding is provided by the Dept. of Energy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The program offers cost-share grants to farm operators, owners or renters. The energy efficiency cost-share grant program reimburses farmers up to 75% of the purchase cost of qualifying energy efficient equipment and systems, up to \$5,000 per applicant. Items eligible for reimbursement include purchased energy efficient

equipment and hardware, but does not include time and labor spent installing the equipment. The department is also looking for new and innovative technologies that can be applied to agricultural energy efficiency.

Eligible projects or systems may include but are not limited to: solar powered systems, insulated waterers, GPS guidance system, irrigation improvements, dairy facility improvements, swine facility improvements, poultry facility improvements, upgrade/new grain dryers, lighting upgrades/motion sensors/timers, conservation tillage equipment, high efficiency electric motors, biomass furnaces/boilers for other than poultry houses.

Those interested in applying to the energy efficiency cost-share program may complete an application form located on the department's web site at

www.dnr.mo.gov/transform/EnergizeMissouriAgriculture.htm

Application forms must be post marked and mailed to the department or sent electronically through the web site by April 20, 2010.

For more information on all *Energize Missouri* projects, visit the department's web site at www.dnr.mo.gov/transform/energizemissouri.htm or call (800) 361-4827 or (573) 751-3443.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE

Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) is a new federal program that is going to be administered through the NRCS programs such as EQIP, WHIP and CSP. The two major watersheds that will be targeted in the south half of

the Missouri are the St. Francis River and Little River watersheds. These two watersheds drain all of Stoddard County.

This program is in its early stages but producers in this county could be eligible to participate through the NRCS

office in a later sign-up.

Some of the proposed practices are: cover crop, conservation crop rotation, nutrient management, shallow water management and irrigation water management.

Irrigation Practices Available County Wide

*The Stoddard County
cost-share dollars
spent for conservation
practices are funded
through the 1/10 of
1% Missouri Parks,
Soils and Water Tax .*

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2010 (July , 2009 to June, 2010), irrigation practices that were previously only available in SALT project watersheds became available to any part of the county. We are currently contracting these in all parts of the county.

These irrigation practices are as follows:

- Underground Pipe
- Surge Valves



please give our office a call or come in to the office to add your name to the list.



• Pivot Renozzles
These practices can be cost-shared through our office at 50 percent. If you have any questions regarding these practices,

Well Decommissioning Money Available

We need your help in getting the word out! Do you have or know of old wells that are not in use any longer?

Wells that are in disrepair or have not been used for a period of two years are considered abandoned. Plugging abandoned wells is the responsibility of the land owner. An abandoned drilled well can introduce contaminants into

the groundwater system, and may be responsible for contaminating your water supply, and that of your neighbors.

Our office can cost-share to plug wells. Instructions will be given to you so that it is performed in accordance with regulations. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (573) 624-5939, ext 3.

NEW WARM SEASON GRASS DRILL

The Stoddard County SWCD Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a new 10 ft Truax Warm Season Grass Drill. We would like to thank the National Wild Turkey Federation along with several other local businesses and producers for their donations to help make this purchase possible. It has just been delivered and is ready to

rent. Rental rates are listed below.

This drill can be used for many of the wildlife-friendly warm season grass seed which producers may have contracts to plant in NRCS programs such as EQIP, WHIP, CSP and CRP or SWCD's DSL-1—Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment.

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Equipment Rental Rates



**10 Ft John Deere No-Till
Drill with Legume Box**

In-County: \$10.00 per acre
Minimum Charge of \$100.00
Deposit: \$100.00

10 Ft Truax Warm Season Grass Drill

In-County: \$12.00 per acre
Minimum Charge of \$100.00
Deposit: \$100.00



**Straw Blower
(Mulcher)**

\$50.00 Half Day
\$75.00 Full Day

Upcoming Workshops and Schools

Managing Wildlife & Native Plants in Agriculture Field Day

June 17, 2010 Columbia, MO

MU Bradford Research and Ext Center

This workshop is designed for landowners, students, quail and native plant enthusiasts to hear the latest information, meet exhibitors, and to see new products. It is open to the public and there are not any fees or reservations required.

Indoor workshops will be at 2:00, 3:00 and 6:00 pm and will include "Intro to Quail Ecology", "Patch Burn Grazing" and "Advanced Quail Management". At 4:00 pm, a choice of six wagon tours will be

available. Tours include: Landscaping with Native Plants, Patch Burn Grazing along with Native Warm Season Grass and Forb Management for Livestock, Biofuels and Wildlife, Enhancing Quail Habitat and Crop Field Management—Field Borders and Edge Feathering, Forage Management Options for Wildlife and Livestock, Back Forty—Implementing Wildlife Practices on Your Farm.

For more information, please contact:

Tim Reinbott: 573-884-7945

Bob Pierce: 573-882-4337

SE Region Management Intensive Grazing School

May 12-13, 2010 8 am to 5 pm

MAC North College Center
Park Hills, MO

Cost: \$75 per person
(\$35 for 2nd person)

Registration includes speaker fees, meals, refreshments, and some references.

For more information, please contact:

Patti Coffman 573-421-6779

Registration Deadline

May 7, 2010

SWCD STAFF CHANGES—NEW FACES

District Technician

Josh Lemmons began working for SWCD in Stoddard County last summer. This January, he was promoted to District Technician. Josh oversees all district cost-share which now includes underground pipe, surge valves and pivot renozzles county wide.



**Josh
Lemmons**

SALT Technician

Tyler Moore began working for the SWCD in January. He takes care of the current SALT projects in the Dexter Creek and Bess Slough watersheds. They have both been working very hard to get all of the conservation practices, surveyed, designed and implemented.



**Tyler
Moore**

Congratulations!

NRCS Soil Conservationist, **Kurt LeBeau**, was married to Lindsay Manes on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in Jamaica.



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NRCS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

NRCS will be celebrating its Diamond Anniversary this month and the 75 years that they have been helping people help the land. NRCS was founded April 27, 1935. They serve all 114 Missouri counties. Across the Show-Me State, 400 NRCS employees work out of more than 100 offices with another 400 employees of the local soil and water conservation districts that work beside them.

On April 5, the Stoddard County Commission proclaimed **April 27, 2010** as *Stoddard County NRCS Day*.

For more information about NRCS and its programs, visit the Missouri NRCS website at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov>



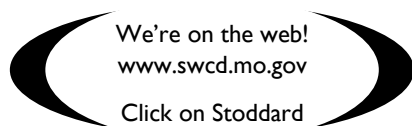
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Soil Conservationist: Ryan McFarlen
Office Automation Clerk: Erin Dissler
Part-Time Technician: Pam Irvin



Dates to Remember

Memorial Day
May 31
Office Closed

4th of July
Office Closed
July 5

Labor Day
September 6
Office Closed